

***This is Amazing Grace***

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings!  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

*Chorus:* This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross  
You would lay down Your life, that I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

*Chorus*  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x2)

*Chorus*  
***I Can Only Imagine***  
I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk, by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When you face is before me  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

*Chorus:* Surrounded by You glory  
What will my heart feel  
Will I dance for you Jesus  
Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah  
Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine when that day comes  
When I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine when all I would do is forever  
Forever worship You  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Don Ferrell

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Norma Kilbourn

Bountiful God: Without your grace and help we would be nothing; we would not even exist. We owe you everything: our creation, our preservation, all the blessings of life. We know that most of our praying should be thanksgiving. But it is not. What comes naturally to us is asking, asking, asking. And much of the time, even when a prayer is answered in the way we hoped it would be, we forget to thank you.

O God, most patient and forbearing, teach us the grace of thankfulness. Help us live for your glory and your praise. Make us what we should be. We ask in the name of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**~~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~~**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***The Lord's Prayer***

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,  
And the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Prayer**  
**Offering**  
**Offertory**

**~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~**

**Message:** "Give Thanks in All Circumstances" Pastor Jeff Ogden  
**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Pew Bible Page 1841

**WORSHIP SONG**

**\*My Chains Are Gone**  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see  
  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed  
  
*Chorus:* My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God My savior, Has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His Mercy reigns  
Unending Love, Amazing grace

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come  
T'was grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home  
  
When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun

*Chorus*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (Please join hands with the people next to you.)

***\*May the Lord, Mighty God***

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes, and see His face, and His grace forever.  
May the Lord mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*\*Those who are able will please stand.*

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USHERS Gary & Patti Boxeth  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT Norma Kilbourn  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Don Ferrell  
FLOWERS In Celebration of Our 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Debby & Steve Wiens

*In Our Prayers:* Lonny Reed and family; Dick Warmington - healing; Craig and Michele Young's Daughter - healing; Pastor Jeff's dad, Bruce - comfort and healing; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families; the Advent Season.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BREATH AND DUST BAND IS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY!** Thank you to Micah Johnson, Chris Eckert, Brenden Mears, and Stephanie Cookski for leading the worship service today.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS.** Our Advent devotional are available on the counters in the Narthex. There are also Advent calendars for the kids. Pick one up today!

**JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP** after our 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Fireside Room. There will be coffee, juice, and goodies to eat!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia flowers bring to our Sanctuary during this Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant through our church and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or person, or in memory of a loved one, forms are available on the Narthex Counters. The cost of each plant is \$10.00 and you may take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Please make your check out to The Village Church and designate "poinsettia" on the memo line.

**FELIZ NAVIDAD POTLUCK - NEXT SUNDAY.** On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be sharing a potluck lunch following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our food theme is Mexican food. Bring your favorite Mexican food dish such as enchiladas, burritos, Spanish rice, beans, etc., or your favorite salad or dessert to share. The church will be providing tamales for all to enjoy. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get to know each other better.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS - NEXT SUNDAY.** The Advent season and Christmas are just around the corner. We will be decorating the church after the potluck on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent. Join us as we prepare the Sanctuary and church for Advent and Christmas.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER & DEACONS' MINISTRY SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY.** We will be celebrating our Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each Sunday we share in the meal our Lord has provided, we also assist our Deacons' ministry by donating household products. You can place your donations in the basket in the Church Narthex.

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "The chief purpose of life, for any of us, is to increase according to our capacity our knowledge of God by all means we have, and to be moved by it to praise and thanks."*  
J. R. R. Tolkien



**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA AND BOUTIQUE is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All ladies are welcome to this much anticipated event in the life of our church. This is a traditional "high tea" with tasty goodies. Specially selected holiday gifts, clothing and decorations from the Thrift Shop will be available for purchase.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER.** The Preschool needs your help for their annual Christmas play and dinner on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. We would like at least five volunteers and need to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. (unless you can only help with the cleanup). The dinner is a simple spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. If possible we would like the volunteers to eat dinner with the preschool families. Please contact Annie Payne at [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY.** A group of adult Village Church members is making plans to volunteer in Houston, TX with Samaritan's Purse on the Hurricane Harvey Rebuild Projects. The trip is scheduled for April 22 - April 28, 2018, and we have a limited number of spaces available. Housing and meals will be provided at a church in the area. Team members will be responsible for their own airfare and a share of group expenses. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis! If you are interested, please contact Jane Dykstra or the church office.

**JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR!** If you love to sing, and would love to join our music ministry, then we have a place for you in our Choir! Our wonderful choir is looking for all voice types: sopranos, altos, tenors, baritones. The group is led by Jon Fay who is a patient, fun, and talented Choir Director! We practice on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Visiting friends and family members are always welcome to join us, too! Also, if you play brass, strings, or woodwinds we are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the music. So pray on this ministry and see if you feel led to lift your voice in our Choir. We welcome you. Please contact Jon Fay or the Church Office for more information.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE?** Pastor Jeff's Sunday sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out our website at <http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org/sermons/> to hear the sermon you missed.

**SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS?** Do you need a ride to church on Sundays? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WAS A BIG SUCCESS.** Thank you to everyone who participated with the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The Church and the Preschool packed a total of 179 boxes!

*The Village Church Vision*

*We're growing closer to Christ, one step at a time, as we increase our participation in the congregation, community and beyond.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Women's Ministries Annual Christmas Tea and Holiday Boutique
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent; Lord's Supper; Feliz Navidad Potluck; Decorating the Church for Christmas
- December 6<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Christmas Play and Dinner
- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Christmas Play during 10 am service; No Choir; Food Pickup from Raley's; Nathalie Sacci Baby Shower
- December 13<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting; Deacon's Food Box Packing
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: Deacon's Christmas Foodbox Distribution; Christmas Sing-along
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Morning Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.



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A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

For more information, see our website:  
[www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org) or [www.eco-pres.org](http://www.eco-pres.org).

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

November 26, 2017 - December 3, 2017

**TODAY**

8 & 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

No Choir Practice

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Office Closed

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

2:37 p.m.

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study

4:00 p.m.

Men's Study - Fireside Room

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 a.m.

Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room

10:00 a.m.

Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study

3:00 p.m.

Youth Girls' Bible Study - Fireside Room

6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study - Fireside Room

6 to 8 p.m.

Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R

**THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m.

AL-ANON Meeting - Room A

7:00 p.m.

AA Meeting - Fireside Room

**SUNDAY**

8 & 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Ogden Preaching

Choir Practice - Fireside Room

8:15 a.m.

Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Feliz Navidad Potluck Lunch - Fireside Room

11:30 a.m.

Decorate the Church for Christmas

12:30 p.m.



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Church Leadership:

Doug Baker - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Deacon

Patti Boxeth - Deacon

Gary Boxeth - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jane Dykstra - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Tom Payne - Deacon

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director

Ann Schofield - Financial Admin. &

Clerk of Session & Elder

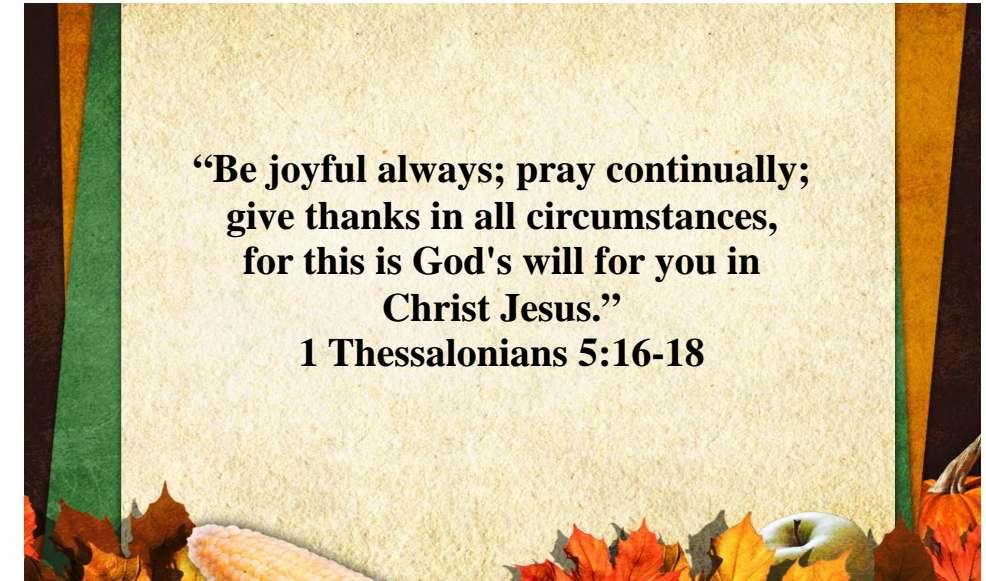
Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder



**"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

November 26, 2017

10:00 A.M.

**~~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~~**

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Welcome to the Village Church! If you have a prayer request for the prayer team or would like more information about life here at The Village Church please fill out the blue Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates. We're glad you're here with us today!

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*\*How Great Thou Art*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed (x2)

*Chorus:* Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow with humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

*Chorus*

**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is available at our church office to assist in case of a heart attack for those trained in its use.**